

**GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES RESPONSE
TO MOTION 35-17(5): LOBBYIST REGISTRY**

Motion

That the Government of the Northwest Territories investigates the best way to implement a lobbyist registry that is publicly accessible via the Internet;

AND FURTHER, that the government provide a comprehensive response to this motion within 120 days.

GNWT Response

The Government of the Northwest Territories is committed openness and transparency in conducting its business on behalf of the people of the Northwest Territories. Though information on Ministers' meetings held with outside parties is already available upon request, the Government has established a new process for documenting and publicly reporting, via the internet, on Ministers' external meetings.

The new reports, which will be published on a quarterly basis, will record all meetings with outside parties, including: intergovernmental meetings, meetings with representatives from industry and special interest groups, public events and conferences. The Ministers' Offices have been collecting data for the report since the beginning of the fiscal year and the first quarterly report will be published on the GNWT website in July.